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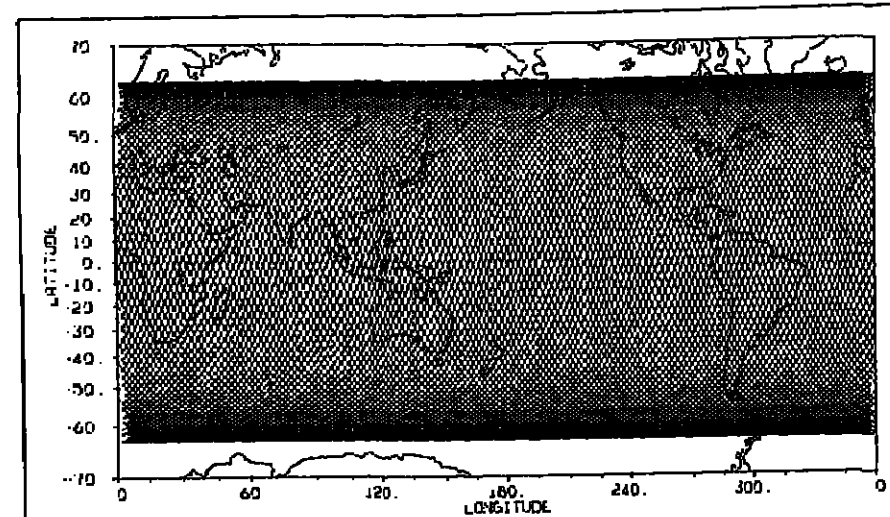


Fig. 3. The ground track traced out by TOPEX during one 10-day repeat cycle.

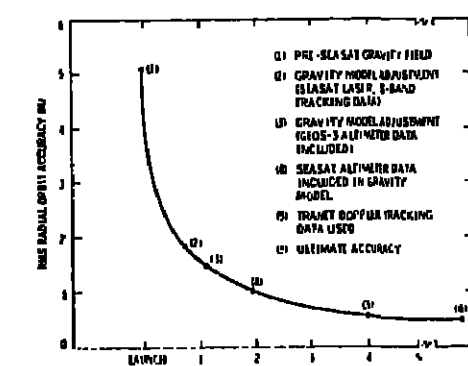


Fig. 4. Evolution of Seasat orbit determination accuracy. Following the launch of Seasat, significant increases in orbit determination accuracy resulted from the development of and subsequent improvements to a gravity model tailored for the Seasat orbit. Current orbit determination accuracy for Seasat (~40 cm) is not far from that required for TOPEX, and the timely development of the necessary models and methodology to achieve the TOPEX objectives appears feasible.

of global mean geostrophic flow requires a geoid with greater accuracy than is currently available except at wavelengths greater than about 10,000 km, maps of the time-varying circulation are independent of the geoid and could be produced immediately from TOPEX data. Because the ocean varies on all length and time scales, the quantification of its variability in a statistical sense is important to the development of ocean circulation models.

At first, mean circulation will be studied at long wavelengths and on a regional basis in areas where high-precision geoids exist. Shipboard gravity surveys can be carried out before, during, and after the TOPEX mission to increase the number of local geoids suitable for mean circulation studies. However, solution of the general problem of global mean circulation requires a global geoid with an accuracy of 2–3 cm on length scales of a few hundred kilometers to the size of the ocean basins. The short and intermediate wavelength portion of such a geoid could be produced by the Geopotential Research Mission, which NASA hopes to begin in the early 1990's (see October 25, 1983, p. 609). Satellite tracking data and surface gravity data currently available have the potential to improve the long wavelength portion of the geoid to useful accuracy for mean circulation studies.

## Ancillary Programs

While collection and verification of a 3-year set of global altimeter data is the primary objective of the TOPEX mission, this data set by itself is not adequate to determine the general circulation. A program of in situ data collection must be underway simultaneously. This program should include ships and drifting buoys deployed on a global scale to gather hydrographic, gravimetric, near-surface velocity, and chemical tracer data. In particular, the buoys and neutrally buoyant floats with satellite communications links are needed for direct observations of the flow field over large areas and long time periods. In a few areas of special interest, regional observing programs using ships, moored current meters, floats, temperature recorders, tide gauges, and other in situ instruments will be required. These regional areas would be places such as the Straits of Florida or the Drake Passage where local information would make a direct and immediate contribution to a knowledge of larger circulation scales.

Clearly, an in situ program on this scale will require international cooperation and participation. The worldwide meteorological and oceanographic community, under the auspices of the International Council of Scientific Unions, the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, and the World Meteorological Organization has underway a program called the World Climate Research Program (WCRP). The major oceanographic elements of WCRP include the

World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE), the Tropical Oceans/Global Atmospheres Experiment (TOGA), and a global ocean monitoring program for repeated measurements of the internal structure of the ocean in critical regions. Overall, WCRP is equivalent in scope to the Global Weather Experiment of 1979–1980. The TOPEX program will be closely coordinated with WOCE and TOGA and will provide a critical source of data for WOCE. TOPEX in turn will benefit from the extensive in situ observations planned for these experiments.

The general circulation of the ocean is known to be forced by winds and by air-sea transfer of heat and fresh water. To understand details of this forcing as well as to test our ability to compute circulation from the forcing by winds, synoptic global wind fields will be required. The only feasible way to obtain these is with a satellite-borne wind field scatterometer. This instrument, which was proven on Seasat, will be carried by the U.S. Navy's N-ROSS satellite planned for launch in 1988. Thus, the combination of TOPEX and N-ROSS will provide the necessary satellite-derived data for studying ocean circulation.

## Sensors

TOPEX will carry a dual-frequency altimeter to measure the satellite-to-sea surface range. The primary measurement frequency is 13.7 GHz (Seasat used 13.5 GHz), and the second frequency is 5.3 GHz. The range difference measured at these frequencies provides a first-order correction for the influence of the ionosphere. A three-frequency microwave radiometer (18, 21, and 37 GHz) will provide a correction to the altimeter height measurement for the effects of atmospheric water vapor. An array of laser retro-reflectors onboard the spacecraft will allow independent height measurements to be made from an island calibration site to verify and calibrate the altimeter height measurement. The laser site will be used by survey to local mean sea level and tide gauges around the island will measure local variations in sea level at the time of satellite overflight. The satellite will directly verify the laser site, thereby allowing an independent measurement of the satellite height. In addition, one or two buoys will be located offshore along the satellite ground track in order to verify the altimeter's measurement of wave height and wind speed.

The prime instrument for precise tracking of the spacecraft is a Doppler beacon to be used with the Defense Mapping Agency's Trane Tracking System. Also, payload capacity has been reserved for a high-precision radiometric tracking system to be carried as an experiment. The experimental system probably will be a receiver which extracts pseudo range (range plus a clock bias) from the transmission of the Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites. Pseudo range from four or more GPS spacecraft can be combined to determine receiver position and receiver clock bias. If pseudo ranges to a ground receiver and a receiver onboard TOPEX are measured simultaneously from two GPS spacecraft, these range measurements can be doubly differenced, thereby eliminating all clock errors. By using double differenced range measurements from the anticipated 18-satellite operational GPS constellation and seven or eight ground stations, it should be possible to determine global orbits for TOPEX to subdecimeter accuracy.

## Data Products

The TOPEX mission will produce both environmental and research data. Environmental data, which will be supplied to Navy's Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center within 4 hours of receipt, include wind magnitude and measurements of wave height. The primary data for research will be height data corrected for instrument, atmosphere, and surface effects, as well as measurements of wave height and wind magnitude. Additional information to be supplied on the science data record includes the precise position of the spacecraft and the geoidal and tidal

height at the satellite nadir point based on the best available models. Also, range difference between the two altimeter frequencies (proportional to total columnar electron content) and columnar water vapor content from the radiometer will be provided.

The initial 6-month period following launch will be used to assess the performance of the satellite and verify the accuracy of the satellite measurements and the ground processing system and associated data products. The TOPEX data system will be in place and operational 6 months prior to launch. Routine production of science data records will begin about 6 months after launch, and the system will be configured to process 24 hours of TOPEX data in approximately 6 hours. Data will be distributed to science investigators via an ocean data system at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory or by the National Environmental Satellite Data Information Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## Orbit

Current plans are to place the TOPEX satellite in a circular orbit inclined at 63.4° to the equator at an altitude of 1334 km. This baseline orbit was chosen because (1) it avoids aliasing tidal signals into annual and semi-annual frequencies, (2) the inclination is such that the orbit covers the southern limit of the Drake Passage and still provides reasonable crossing angles between ascending and descending orbital arcs for the recovery of both zonal and meridional components of topography, and (3) the altitude is high enough to mitigate the effects of atmospheric drag and gravitational perturbations on the orbit, thereby allowing a more accurate determination of the orbital height. The orbit will be controlled to exactly repeat (to within  $\pm 1$  km) every 127 revolutions or about 10 days resulting in spacing between equatorial tracks of 315 km (Figure 3). The repeat period was chosen as a compromise between the desire to obtain both high temporal and high spatial resolution.

One of the major challenges facing the TOPEX mission will be the determination of the altitude ephemeris of the satellite. As seen from Table 1, uncertainty in knowledge of the height of the orbit is the major contributor to the error budget. Knowledge of the spacecraft position is required to separate variations in the altimetric range measurement due to the satellite motion from those caused by elevation changes in the ocean surface.

During the Seasat program, impressive progress was made in the ability to reconstruct the satellite trajectory using laser and radiometric tracking data (Figure 4). However, considerable improvement in knowledge of the longer wavelength (>1000 km) components of the earth's gravity field is necessary in order to reconstruct the TOPEX radial ephemeris to the required accuracy. A 4-year program was initiated in FY84 (Fiscal Year 1984) by NASA to produce a gravity field improved at spacecraft altitude by at least a factor of 2 over the current best unclassified models. This field will be derived by using much more of the available satellite tracking data than has previously been used for gravity recovery. The improved gravity field together with global tracking by the Trane system will allow the TOPEX orbit to be determined with decimeter accuracy.

## Present Status

TOPEX is managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA and is currently a development flight project. This means that it does not yet have a project start; however, it is a strong candidate for an FY86 project start which would allow a launch in 1989.

The Goddard Space Flight Center has a substantial role in TOPEX and is responsible for supplying the two-frequency altimeter and precise orbits for distribution with the altimeter data. The altimeter will be built by the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University. The Center for Space Research at the University of Texas at Austin will participate in and be responsible for certain activities associated with verifying the accuracy of geophysical data products and precise orbits. Present plans call for the Defense Mapping Agency to provide globally distributed Trane tracking data; the Fleet Numerical Oceanographic Center to provide atmospheric pressure, temperature, and water vapor fields; and for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide the necessary in-water observation data to verify the altimeter geophysical data products, height, wave height, and windspeed.

A Science Working Group has been established to provide scientific guidance in designing the mission. A Precision Orbit Determination Task Group has been formed to advise the project on matters related to tracking and orbit determination of the satellite. The mission has been under study since 1980, and significant progress has been made on minimizing cost with little compromise of data accuracy. During FY84, three industrial firms will study the possibility of using off-the-shelf satellite configurations to carry the TOPEX sensors. In addition, the production

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of an altimeter development model was initiated in FY83 at the Applied Physics Laboratory. An "announcement of opportunity" soliciting proposals to do scientific research with the TOPEX data is planned for release by NASA Headquarters early 1985.

A study is currently underway with the French Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales regarding the possibility of a joint (U.S./French) TOPEX-Posidon altimetric mission. Under current proposals, the French would launch the TOPEX satellite into orbit with the Ariane booster. The TOPEX payload would be increased to include two French sensors, a high-precision Doppler tracking system (DORIS), and an altimeter sharing the TOPEX altimeter antenna. There would be collaboration between U.S. and French scientists in the areas of data evaluation, precision orbit determination, and scientific applications of the data. NASA also is proceeding with the definition of a shuttle-based U.S. mission as a backup to the U.S./French joint mission.

## Suggested Reading

A comprehensive discussion of the science objective and requirements for the TOPEX mission is given by the TOPEX Science Working Group in "Satellite Altimetric Measurements of the Ocean," *JPL Doc. 400-111*, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., March 1981.

Several survey articles have recently appeared that have extensive bibliographies and describe progress made in the application of altimetry to geologic and oceanographic problems: (1) J. G. Marsh, *Satellite altimetry*, *Rev. Geophys. Space Phys.*, 21, 574–580, April 1983; (2) O. Brown and R. L. Cheney, *Advances in satellite oceanography*, *Rev. Geophys. Space Phys.*, 21, 1216–1230, April 1983; and (3) L. L. Fu, *Recent progress in the application of satellite altimetry to observing the mesoscale variability and general circulation of the oceans*, *Rev. Geophys. Space Phys.*, 21, 1657–1690, November 1983. In addition, a special of *Marine Geodesy* (vol. 8, April 1984) dedicated to satellite altimetry will be published early in 1984.

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## News

## Shuttle Mission To Study Halley

A series of astronomy missions slated to be carried aboard the space shuttle will lead with a special look at Halley's Comet.

The missions, dubbed Astro, consist of three ultraviolet telescopes that will be used to study stars and galaxies. To study Halley's Comet, a pair of visible-light cameras have been added to the Astro payload's first flight, scheduled for March 1986.

Astro's three telescopes are the Hopkins Ultraviolet Telescope, the Wisconsin Ultraviolet Spectropolarimeter, and the Goddard Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope. These telescopes are aligned for simultaneous ultraviolet imaging and for taking simultaneous spectroscopic and polarization measurements of astronomical objects, including Halley's Comet.

The first 7-day Astro mission, scheduled at a time when several comet probes will intercept Halley, will return scientific data on and photography of the comet. The European Space Agency, Japan, and the Soviet Union have each designed probes to fly by the comet and through its tail in early March 1986.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected eight scientists, who, together with three other scientists each representing one of the three telescope

teams, will form the Astro Halley Science Team. The team has been charged with planning the overall program for observing the comet.

The eight scientists selected by NASA for the Astro Halley Science Team are Michael A'Hearn, University of Maryland, College Park; John Brandt, Bertram Donn, and Malcolm Niedner, of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center; Barry Lutz, of the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.; Chel Opal, at the University of Texas, Austin; C. Robert O'Dell, of Rice University; and Susan Wyckoff, of Arizona State University in Tempe.

In addition, NASA recently announced its selection of three scientists to train as payload specialists for Astro. They are Samuel T. Durrance of The Johns Hopkins University, Kenneth H. Nordstieck of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Ronald A. Price of Computer Sciences Corp., of Silver Spring, Md.

The Astro mission is being managed by the Marshall Space Flight Center. The observatory is scheduled for assembly and integration into the space shuttle at Kennedy Space Center during 1985. Astro missions will use a pair of Spacelab pallets and the Spacelab instrument pointing system.

## Geodynamics Study in Israel

The origin of Mediterranean earthquakes and the precise determination of very small movements of the earth's crust will be the focus of a joint study by the Israeli Space Agency and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Israel will join 11 other countries conducting laser ranging activities with NASA as part of the agency's geodynamics program.

As part of a global network striving for determining with a precision of 3 cm small movements in the earth's crust, the Israeli Space Agency will build a ground station that will beam low-power laser pulses to several satellites, including LAGEOS (the Laser Geodynamics satellite) and the French satellite Silete. NASA's annual budget for the global network is roughly \$30 million.

Israel's fixed station will also work with mobile laser tracking stations to map regional patterns of crustal deformation and to monitor

strain accumulation. The station is expected to begin measuring crustal movements under the international program in 1985. Other countries in Europe and North Africa—including France, the United Kingdom, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and Italy—are involved in the cooperative research program.

The system to be installed in Israel was built and operated by the Smithsonian Institution. About 2 years ago it was moved from Australia to the United States for refurbishment. Later this year a site will be selected in Israel and the system will be shipped.

## Mount Wilson Telescope to be Mothballed

As part of its plan to direct resources to its astronomical research facilities in Chile, the Carnegie Institution of Washington will mothball the Mount Wilson 2.5-m telescope on July 1, 1985, and will gradually decrease support for the 45.7-m and 18.3-m solar tower telescopes. Concurrently, the Mount Wilson and Las Campanas Observatories' technical development group in Pasadena, Calif., will be expanded.

New equipment will be acquired for the Las Campanas Observatory in Chile, where Carnegie operates two modern telescopes. A charged coupled device camera will be added to the 1.0-m telescope at the observatory to yield more accurate imaging of extremely faint objects. Another charged coupled device will enable the recording of spectra of extended sources, including galaxies and emitting clouds. Eventually, this device will permit fiber-optical feeds for the simultaneous recording of many objects in a group of stars or galaxies. Also on the list is a new spectrograph that will introduce high-resolution spectroscopy for the first time at the Las Campanas Observatory's 2.5-m telescope.

Computer facilities at the observatory will be upgraded. In addition, improvements will be made for the television viewing systems that aid in locating faint sources in the telescope field of view.

The search is on for a new operator for the Mount Wilson telescopes. Solar-stellar physics

may find the site ideal. George W. Preston, director of the observatories reportedly is optimistic that suitable management for the Mount Wilson facilities will be found.

Carnegie operates five research centers: the Mount Wilson and Las Campanas Observatories (with offices in California), the Department of Plant Biology in Stanford, Calif., the Department of Embryology in Baltimore, Md., and the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism and the Geophysical Laboratory, both located in Washington, D.C.

## Upcoming Hearings in Congress

The following hearings and markups have been tentatively scheduled for the coming weeks. Dates and times should be verified with the committee or subcommittee holding the hearing or markup; all offices on Capitol Hill may be reached by telephoning 202-224-3121. For guidelines on contacting a member of Congress, see *AGU's Guide to Legislative Information and Contacts* (Eos, April 17, 1984, p. 159).

July 11 and 12: Hearing on the effects of nuclear war by the International Trade, Finance, and Security Economics Subcommittee of the Joint Economic Committee, July 11, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-628, 10 A.M. July 12, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-138, 10 A.M.

August 6: Hearings on the contracting of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration mapping and charting services by the National Ocean Policy Study Subcommittee of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Russell Senate Office Building, Room SR-253, 10 A.M.

TBA: Conference committee on legislation for ocean and coastal resources block grants for fisheries programs and deep seabed hard minerals resources programs. Time, date, and location to be announced. Senate conferees: Packwood (R-Ore.), Stevens (R-Alaska), Gorton (R-Wash.), Hollings (D-S.C.), and Inouye (D-Hawaii). House conferees: Jones (D-N.C.), Breaux (D-La.), Studds (D-Mass.), D'Amours (D-N.H.), Pritchard (R-Wash.), Young (R-Alaska), and Carney (R-N.Y.). — BTR

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Cover. A rendition of the ocean topography satellite, TOPEX, viewing the North Atlantic Ocean. The left-most panel is an example of the inference of ocean bathymetry from its surface expression as measured by the Seasat altimeter (courtesy of W. Haxby, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory). Notice the detail of such features as ocean trenches, seamounts, and the continental shelf. These features are detectable because the shape of the ocean surface closely conforms to the gravitational anomalies associated with them. The bottom panel illustrates the use of Seasat altimetry for the determination of mesoscale oceanic variability (courtesy of R. Cheney, NOAA, and J. Marsh, NASA). Red areas off the east coast of the United States are regions of highest variability associated with the Gulf Stream. (Cover design by InterNetwork, Inc.) (See article by Born et al. in this issue.)

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